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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Two-year-old Morgan Cloward enjoys a free pony ride as her father, retired Navy Lt. Dean Cloward, escorts her. Nellis community members celebrated our nation's independence at the annual base picnic Tuesday.

Celebrating our independence in style

**By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi
AWFC Public Affairs**

Thousands of Nellis community members came out to enjoy the annual 4th of July celebration at Freedom Park culminating with the highlight of the evening, the spectacular 25-minute fireworks show.

"Everybody had fun, little kids and big kids were dancing to the music," said Mr. Dave Maxwell, 99th Services Squadron deputy chief. "It was great, even the temperature was absolutely wonderful."

The 99th SVS sponsored the gigantic picnic with games and activities to keep both the young and old entertained throughout the

evening. There was lots of food to choose from and live music featuring a variety of tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's, which kept the swelling crowd constantly entertained.

According to Ms. Anna Deller, 99th SVS special event coordinator, each squadron was assigned individual tasks, and it all came together in a perfect party.

"It's wonderful for the Nellis community to celebrate the freedom we all work so hard for," she said. "When you see the children having fun, jumping around and laughing, they're so happy. It makes all the hard work everyone did to make this happen worthwhile."

Two of the biggest attractions for the littlest ones were the Elmo and

Big Bird characters. They were on hand, dishing out hugs and posing for pictures.

Ms. Jessica Langford, wife of Airman 1st Class Brian Langford, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, was excited to see the Sesame Street characters at the base picnic. Her two children Kieleigh 2, and Matthew 1, were filled with excitement waiting to play with the TV characters.

"This is our first base, it's so great the base does this for the families," said Mrs. Langford.

The 66th Rescue Squadron was one of the many units sponsoring a food booth. Their traditional barbecue sandwiches proved a big hit

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with the hungry crowd.

"I knew people would like our food," said Staff Sgt. John Henderson, 66th RQS. "The 4th of July has always been my favorite summer holiday, and it's great that Nellis can throw such a big party to recognize our country's freedom."

According to the 99th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Del Eulberg, the evening's grand finale of spectacular fireworks was better than anybody expected.

"The fireworks were fantastic! It was a fitting conclusion to salute our country's independence and the men and women who work so hard every day defending that freedom," said Col. Eulberg.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Left, Senior Airman Rebecca Barnett and Airman 1st Class Alford McCain both with the 99th Mission Support Squadron, ham it up for the camera as they man one of the many booths. Top, "Lyin Eyes" plays a tune while a half-dozen of Nellis' finest dance along enjoying themselves. Bottom, Old Glory flies high over the crowd of visitors symbolizing the proud 224-year heritage of freedom and liberty we as a nation enjoy each day.



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Up close



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bobair

Colonel Edward Ryder, Air Ground Operations School commandant, poses with some of his troops.

What is your unit?
Air Ground Operations School

Name and rank:
Col. Edward Ryder
Commandant, USAF AGOS

Date assumed command:
June 16, 2000

Previous job/assignment:
Executive officer and military assistant to the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Pentagon.

Time In Service:
23 years

Commissioning source:
USAF Academy

Family:
Wife, Vickie Jo

Hobbies:
Biking, snow skiing, golf

Why is your unit important to the Air Force mission?

AGOS teaches and exercises the tactics, techniques, and procedures to members of all services for the best use of aerospace power in the close air support role.

Your command philosophy:
Provide the resources, make clear your expectations, and let them do their job.

What is your goal for your squadron?
A team recognized Air Force wide as the experts on land and air force integration—both doctrine and execution.

1999 Air Combat Command Individual Service Award

By Ms. Monique Staskiewicz
AWFC Public Affairs

The 1999 Air Combat Command Individual Services Award was given to the 99th Services Squadron's lodging supervisor. Staff Sgt. Pamela D. Cook was given the award for her dedication to duty and excellent performance as a supervisor and reservation services specialist.

When asked how she does it, Sgt. Cook said, "I enjoy working with people and helping my customers find lodging. Nellis is one of the busiest lodging facilities and it keeps us busy."

A conversion of 10 appropriated fund personnel to non appropriated personnel occurred in 1999. Sgt. Cook was given the task of retraining and reorganizing all employee positions while maintaining the lodging facility. She also went the extra mile by establishing an in-depth lodging orientation program for newly assigned personnel allowing for a smooth transition in the conversion.

"Extensive knowledge of lodging reservation policies and procedures enabled Sgt. Cook to spearhead the conversion with little interruption to customer service," said Lt. Col. Joseph Whaley, former 99th Services Squadron commander.

Sgt. Cook manages the constant flow of customers and accommodates over 72,000 guests a year and still maintains an impeccable 98% satisfaction rate, said Lt. Col. Whaley.

The lodging office consists of six em-

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Staff Sgt. Pamela Cook
99th Service Squadron

ployees that Sgt. Cook supervises, and she is accountable for contracts in excess of \$2.8 million annually.

"Sgt. Cook shrewdly maximizes the use of lodging available and saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in per diem," said Lt. Col. Whaley. "Her dedication to detail, customer empathy and personal excellence earned her 99th Air Base



File Photo

Staff Sgt. Pamela Cook in front of the lodging office on Nellis Air Force Base.

Wing recognition."

"By just doing my job well I was recognized," said Sgt. Cook. "Being honored is just a nice way of showing appreciation for all the work I do."



Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Delwyn Eulberg is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Delwyn Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044

Commissary - 643-7919

Child Development Center I - 652-4241

Child Development Center II - 652-5885

Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844

Fitness Center - 652-6433

Drive to stay alive: Make the choice to be defensive

By Master Sgt. Howard J. Earl
AWFC Ground Safety Management

Some people call it defensive driving. Some call it decision driving. There are other names and other approaches, but they all have one thing in common: driving to stay alive.

Many people drive "offensively." They act as if they have to reach their destination in record time, regardless of the risk to themselves and others. They drive with an attitude of "me versus them," which leads them to take foolish risks and behaving rudely toward other motorists. The more congested our highways become, the more this competitive spirit feeds on itself. Drivers who once were good-natured and cooperative begin to drive aggressively, believing it's necessary to hold their own.

Such racetrack thinking is a serious mistake. Patience, courtesy and cooperation on the highway are more than luxuries. They're essential for survival. If you've fallen into the trap of believing that you have to compete with aggressive drivers, you may need retraining in the defensive habits that you acquired when you first started to drive. If you were never taught

about defensive driving, it's time to learn. First, make a conscious choice to stop competing with other drivers and change your driving style in a way that increases your chances of personal survival. Make a written pledge to yourself, then sign it and keep it in a place where you'll see it often. Next you can acquire, or regain, the skills you need to drive defensively.

Defensive driving requires you to know the laws and obey them. Develop a pattern of watching constantly for abnormal, unusual or changing conditions, which may pose a hazard to you and your vehicle. These conditions may be inside or outside your vehicle. They may have to do with the roadway, the weather, lighting con-

ditions or other traffic. They may also have to do with the mechanical functioning of your own vehicle. They may even relate to our physical or mental state. It is important to know who has the right of way at all times. But, in knowing this, you must also be willing to yield the right of way any time it's necessary to avoid an accident.

In daily practice, defensive driving boils down to three simple steps: See, think and do. Scan the roadway ahead of you, watching for hazards. When a hazard presents itself, decide what response is appropriate. Then act to avoid it. Follow these steps and you can avoid the racetrack mentality. You'll be a better driver when you drive to stay alive.



File Photo



Killer bees can ruin your summer: Learn how to prevent it

By Airman 1st Class Grace Hall
99th Medical Squadron

With summer comes the inevitable cry of the outdoors: people begin to gear up for camping trips, hiking and any other outdoor activity. Unfortunately, along with all the fun in the sun comes insects that can really put a damper on your summer activities.

One insect that has become a serious problem in Las Vegas is the Africanized honeybee, also known as the killer bee.

For the most part, Africanized honeybees are just like the European honeybees that are probably more familiar to you. The difference between the two types is that the Africanized bees are much more aggressive. They have been

known to chase people up to a quarter of a mile and remain agitated for up to eight hours. They also tend to sting a victim multiple times.

If you are planning any kind of escapade into the great outdoors this summer, do yourself a favor and take the following steps to prevent an encounter with these ruthless creatures:

- * Always wear light colors and avoid using scents.
- * Always be aware of your surroundings and watch for bees.
- * When looking for a place to camp, avoid making loud noises or vibrations as this could aggravate any bees within 50-100 feet of you.
- * If you are allergic to bees, keep your bee sting kits with you at all times.

If you should come in contact with any Africanized honeybees, do not swat at them because they could become more aggravated and attack in a swarm.

If attacked do not jump into water as a defense: bees have been known to wait for their victim to emerge from the water. Instead, you should cover your face and seek shelter immediately. Following this advice will greatly reduce your risk of being attacked.

The Public Health Flight has a short videotape on Africanized bees that is available for viewing. If you would like to see this video or have any other questions about Africanized honeybees, please contact Public Health at 653-3351.



Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To be put on the email mailing list, send your request to angel1m@lvcn.com. Call 652-5020 for more information.

Today

Screwed (PG-13)

Norm MacDonald, Dave Chappelle

Willard, the abused and under appreciated chauffeur to Ms. Crock, the employer from hell, has devised a foolproof plan for revenge. Along with his hot-headed best friend Rusty, he will kidnap the nasty woman's prized pooch, holding it ransom. But when the dog escapes, Ms. Crock mistakenly comes to the conclusion that it's her chauffeur who's been kidnapped.

Crude sex-related humor, nudity, language, some violence, brief drug content

Saturday and Sunday

Road Trip (R)

Breckin Meyer, D.J. Qualls

Four friends take off on a 1,000-mile trip across the country, Ithaca, N.Y., to Austin, Texas. The reason the guys are on the road is to get to one boy's girl-friend before she receives a certain sex-filled video-tape mistakenly mailed to her. Another girl is pursuing the boys as well.

Strong sexual content, crude humor, language and drug use

Monday

Whatever it Takes (PG-13)

Shane West, Marla Sokoloff

Weaving a web of fake e-mails, plotted phone calls, contrived double dates and mistaken identities, Ryan, Chris, Maggie and Ashley discover that being yourself is always the best scheme, and that sometimes the love of your life is the girl right next door, your best friend.

Thematic elements, sexual material and language

**Theater will be closed Tuesday
and Wednesday**



Have a ball at the Air Force Ball

Nellis is sponsoring an Air Force Ball, Sept. 16, at the MGM Grand. Social hour will start at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are: E-1 through E-4 \$15.

E-5 through E-6 \$20.00

All others \$30.00

The guest speaker will be Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan. Contact your unit First Sergeant for more information.

Help save a life

One of Nellis' very own is in need of help. Tech. Sgt. Kevin Broadnax, 99th Contracting Squadron, has been hospitalized for the past 30 days with a life-threatening condition called Aplastic Anemia. This severe blood disorder requires a bone marrow transplant. Representatives from the Department of Defense Bone Marrow Program will be at the Base Chapel Annex July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. conducting a bone marrow drive specifically for Sgt. Broadnax. Only military and civilian DOD employees are eligible to be tested. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Slone at 652-9137.



Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Roberto F. Rivera



Unit: 896th Munitions Support Squadron

Duty Title: Weapons maintenance Team Member

Hometown: Sterling, Va.

Time in Air Force: 3 years and 4 months

Time at Nellis: 3 years

Hobbies: Golf and basketball

Goals: I want to continue my education in hopes of becoming an officer.

If I could change one thing about Nellis? I would have a twenty-four hour gas station on Nellis.

What's my favorite Air Force memory? I was recognized as an outstanding performer in the January 2000 Nuclear Surety Inspection.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

Commander's Wellness Cup Competition Winners

Small Squadron

Overall winner

99th Contracting Squadron

Most Improved Squadron

99th Mission Support Squadron

Medium Squadron

Overall winner

99th Communication Squadron

Most Improved Squadron

99th Services Squadron

Large Squadron

Overall winner

57th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Most Improved Squadron

99th Medical Operations Squadron

The Commander's Wellness Cup Competition was designed to help base people improve their healthy lifestyles. The Commander's Wellness Cup Competition trophy presentation took place at the base 4th of July festivities.



DOD announces slight childcare fee hike

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Fees at military child care facilities will increase by about \$1 to \$2 per child each week for the 2000-2001 school year, Defense Department officials announced recently.

The fees keep pace with estimates of inflation. DOD family policy officials review and update child care fees annually.

Depending on their total family income, DOD families will pay between \$40 and \$116 per child per week during the upcoming school year. The fee represents about half the cost of childcare, the remainder is paid with appropriated funds from Congress.

How much parents pay for military



File Photo

In this file photo, Nellis children walk near the Nellis Child Development Center.

child care is based on the family's total income. This includes all earned income — wages, salaries, tips, long-term disability benefits and voluntary salary deferrals. It also includes

servicemembers' combat pay, housing and subsistence allowances, and the value of meals and lodging furnished in-kind to military personnel residing on military installations.

Installation commanders set fees within DOD ranges. This gives the commander flexibility to adjust fees based on the cost of living in the local area. Commanders also have the authority to use an optional high-cost fee range in areas where it is necessary to pay child care providers higher wages to compete in the local labor market.

Commanders may offer a 20 percent fee discount for each additional child from the same family. Hardship waivers may be granted for families in unique financial circumstances.

Installation child development centers may begin charging the following fees — per child — anytime between Aug. 1 and Oct. 1:

Category Total Family Income Range of Fees High-cost Range

I \$0 - \$23,000 \$40 - \$53 \$45 - \$56

II \$23,001 - \$34,000 \$50 - \$64 \$55 - \$68

III \$34,001 - \$44,000 \$61 - \$76 \$67 - \$81

IV \$44,001 - \$55,000 \$74 - \$86 \$80 - \$92 \$91 - \$105

VI \$70,000+ \$103 - \$114 \$104 - \$116

For more information call 652-4241 or 652-5885.



Carbon monoxide detectors being delivered

Air Force officials said that due to the five alerts and the recent cases of carbon monoxide poisoning at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., detectors must be in all government family housing.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless toxic gas produced during incomplete combustion of fuel, natural gas, oil, coal, wood, kerosene and other fuels. All of Nellis family housing has either gas water heaters, heaters, or in some cases both.

The symptoms from carbon monoxide poisoning are; headaches, nausea, tiredness, dizziness, memory loss, lack of concentration, personality and emotional change, halluci-

nation, panic attacks, sleep disturbance, clumsiness, severe muscle pains, trembling, vision problems and loss of hearing.

Preventive measures include using a carbon monoxide detector, opening windows and ventilating the home if the detector sounds and to not leave children unattended in a closed house heated by fuel appliances.

The Housing Management Office is currently delivering carbon detectors to all family housing residents. Only 30 households remain.

If you have not received your carbon monoxide detector, for your peace of mind and safety, please call 652-1840 for more information.

Student summer employment

The summer employment program runs through Aug. 31 and is open to students who are at least 16 years of age and are enrolled in school. Candidates can obtain an application by calling Mr. Geno Ermenio at 652-9295 for more information.

Models and volunteers are needed

The Nellis African American Cultural Association is sponsoring a fashion show Sept. 9. Models and volunteers are needed. For more information contact Lt. Maurice Lee at 652-9148 or Master Sgt. John Gilbert at 652-6180.





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Editors note: Submissions for print in the Bullseye are due by noon the Friday prior to the edition requested for print.

Chief's positions

The AFPC Chiefs' Group, in conjunction with Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, is seeking volunteers for the Maxwell Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute position, reporting no later than Oct. 30.

They are also seeking volunteers for the command chief master sergeant position, 19th Air Force, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, reporting no later than Sept. 15. Call Military Personnel Flight Customer

Service at 652-9073 for more information.

Change of command

The **99th Medical Support Squadron's** change of command ceremony is today at 9 a.m. in the Officers' Club.

The **547th Intelligence Squadron's** change of command ceremony is July 20 at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 470. Additional information can be obtained by calling 652-5298.

The **422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron** change of command ceremony is July 21 at 3 p.m.

in the Thunderbirds' hangar. Additional information can be obtained by calling 652-7578.

The **57th Operations Group** change of command ceremony is July 21 at 9 a.m. in the Red Flag hangar.

Classified disintegrator

The classified disintegrator opens for Nellis customer service on Thursday. The disintegrator will support the destruction of classified for Nellis customers. Contact 652-9822 for more information.

Quarterly birthday meal

The quarterly birthday meal for April through June birthdays is scheduled for July 20 at 5 p.m. in Mountain View Inn Dining Facility. Please call 652-7255 by July 14 to reserve a seat.

Available Scholarships

Current Air Force Officers' and Enlisted Club members and their families are eligible for three scholarships. An essay of 500 words or less on the topic: Air Force Clubs - Professional Privilege, must be submitted no later than July 15 to the 99th Service Squadron. For questions and nomi-

nation requirements please contact 652-2919. *First USA Bank sponsors the Air Force Club membership scholarship.*

Tops In Blue

Start gearing up for the show you've waited for all year. Tops In Blue will be performing free at the Artemus Ham Concert Hall at the University of Nevada Las Vegas August 8 at 7 p.m. There will be prize drawings for \$200 in AT&T phone service and a \$200 AAFES shopping spree. Contact Ms. Rosie Ward, Director of the Community Center, at 652-5014 for more information. *USPA & IRA and AT&T sponsors Tops In Blue.*